

Arrest 22 in Gun Battle Riot at Wedding Party

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CHILD BY CHILD BUILD OUR NATION

TORRANCE
KIDS' DAY
Treasure Hunt
SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 1953
PRIZES - FUN
Giant Drawing
TICKETS ON SALE HERE
ASK US!!

COMING THROUGH... Pretty Pat Gillespie comes through for the Torrance Kiwanis Club to help publicize Kids' Day activities on Sept. 25 and 26. (Herald photo)

Kid's Day Treasure Hunt Sept. 25, 26

Fun and treasures for all kids from age one to 100 will spark the fifth annual observance of National Kids' Day in Torrance Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25 and 26.

The two-day event is being arranged by the Kiwanis Club with the cooperation of Torrance merchants and will be held in conjunction with similar programs sponsored all over the United States by the National Kids' Day Foundation and Kiwanis International.

Proceeds of the affair are used by the Kiwanis Club to finance transportation to Alondra Park during the city's annual Learn to Swim campaign during the summer months and to help finance projects benefiting less fortunate children of the community.

Beginning at 1 p.m. Friday and continuing until 1 p.m. Saturday, a numbered pink ticket will entitle the holder to claim one or more valuable prizes donated by and displayed in the windows of Torrance merchants. Any of these prizes unclaimed at 1 p.m. Saturday will be gathered and taken to El Prado Park, where prizes will be presented to ticket holders at 3:30 p.m.

Numbered tickets, good for both window hunting and the major prizes may be purchased at \$1 each from any Torrance merchant or Kiwanian. All kids from 10 to 100 may buy the tickets.

For kids age 10 and under, there will be a special treasure hunt at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in El Prado Park. The juveniles will hunt in the grass for small capsules containing prize checks which will be redeemed with favors at the prize booth.

A hunting tag for admission to this event costs 25 cents and may be purchased from any Kiwanian or Torrance merchant.

"Kids' Day is a fine way to help underprivileged children," Mayor Mervin Schwab said in issuing a special proclamation of the event this week.

In his proclamation, the mayor said: "The purpose of the day is to provide, wherever possible, assistance in helping underprivileged children to enjoy some of the benefits normally coming to boys and girls in many fortunate circumstances." He urged all residents of this area to cooperate with the local committee, headed by Kiwanian Joe Doss.

"All too often we are inclined to become engrossed with world conditions, politics, and other subjects of national interest and

Police To Pick Up THS Class Cutters

Strict steps will be taken during the first two weeks of school to stop Torrance High School students from cutting classes, the Board of Education decided Tuesday, with the Police Department cooperating to pick up all students off campus during school hours without a permit, and hold them for their parents.

Natural Causes Listed in Death

Natural causes were listed this week in the death of Mrs. Mayo Davis Frederick, 53, whose body was discovered in the bathroom of her home, 1324 Greenwood Ave., Sunday. The time of death was set at five days previously—Sept. 8.

The body was discovered by Gertrude Pressy, Mrs. Frederick's sister, who had come to visit her from Los Angeles. Mrs. Pressy's husband climbed through an open window after there was no response from inside the house, and, after finding the body, called the police.

Mrs. Frederick had lived in Torrance for seven years. Funeral services were held yesterday at Stone & Myers Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Douglas Jeffrey of the First Baptist Church, and a private cremation followed.

Survivors, besides her sister, include her father, George Davis, of Oregon; and a brother, Fred Davis, of Oakland, Calif.



CONTRABAND WEAPONS... Patrolman Archie Jackson and Sgt. John Maestri examine some of the weapons used in a big inter-city gang war at the American Legion Hall Saturday night. Police arrested 22 persons. (Herald Photo)

Police, Gang Bullets Fly At Night Riot

Bullets and bottles sailed through the night air Saturday evening and 22 persons were arrested as police fired upon a group of marauding San Pedro youths in an attempt to quell an inter-city battle at a wedding reception at the American Legion Hall.

Several persons were treated at the Harbor General Hospital as five carloads of punks from the Harbor breezed past the Legion Hall at 1109 Border Ave., peppering the building and parked cars first with rocks and bottles and finally with .45 caliber slugs. One bullet pierced the glass panel in the front door and two others gauged pits in the cement walls.

Four squad cars answered the riot call as Sgt. Ted Morris and Patrolman Donny Cook, who were "working" the dance put in calls for reinforcements. Officer W. Wintner brought one fleeing car to a halt when he put a police bullet through the rear window of the car as it attempted to turn a corner two blocks away.

Among the mob arrested were seven adults and 15 juveniles. The seven adults were booked for various charges including assault with a deadly weapon, disturbing the peace, throwing glass on a public street, and fighting. All were from San Pedro. Arrested were:

Rudy Fallorina, Lawrence Matisovich, Antonio Arthur Saucedo, Mike Diaz, Victor Emmanuel Verdugo, and Paul Jimenez, all of whom are scheduled to appear in the South Bay Municipal Court tomorrow morning. One youth, Paul Jimenez, pled guilty to violation of Section 415 of the penal code and is to be sentenced when he appears with the others tomorrow.

The 15 juveniles and their parents are scheduled to meet with Sgt. D. C. Cook, Torrance juvenile police officer, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Summoned to the scene were Lt. A. S. Thompson, Sgt. John Maestri, and Patrolmen Bill Mitchell, W. Wintner, R. Walker, J. Davis, Myles Hamilton, and Leo Gonzales.

The melee was a "grudge fight," according to the San Pedro youths who told police they came here to "get even" with a group of "low-down" youths who, according to the San Pedro gang, wrecked a car belonging to one of their group.

In the excitement of the beef no one thought to jot down the name of the couple in whose (Continued on Page 2)

Rites Tomorrow For Leo York

Leo D. York, 62, of 1522 Post Ave., a resident of Torrance for the past 21 years, passed away at his home yesterday morning following a lingering illness.

Rites for Mr. York, an employee of AirResearch Corp. since 1949, will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Mr. York is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Portsmouth, Ohio, his birthplace. The local Masonic lodge will conduct the last rites and interment will follow at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Vivian York, and two sons, Harry and Leo, of Torrance, and Rites for Mr. York, president of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce, revealed this week.

Mrs. Frances H. Boswell, 1006 Sartori Ave., Apt. 307, received goods valued at \$50 for her winning entry, while Bernard J. Wilson, 2453 Torrance Blvd., and Bill Brase, 2435 Border Ave., got second and third awards of \$35 and \$15 in merchandise, respectively.

Judging the entries were Mrs. Grace Wright, Judge John Shidler, Judge Otto Willett, and Rev. Cecil England.

Enrollment Hits 8925 in Schools

Almost 9000 more students are attending Torrance schools this year than last, according to second-day-of-school enrollment figures reported yesterday by Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District.

A total of 8925 students are enrolled in Torrance schools this year compared to 6982 in '52-'53. There are 7396 elementary students in school and 1529 students enrolled in Torrance High School. North Torrance has the highest elementary school enrollment—1370—followed by Torrance Elementary with 1114 students.

Freed POW Honored By City, Veterans

Mayor Presents Freed Prisoner With New Watch

He has paid a fair price for his share of America."

With these words Mayor Mervin M. Schwab paid tribute to Cpl. Danny Arellano, Torrance's only returning prisoner of war, at a banquet held in honor of the local Korean war veteran at the American Legion Hall Tuesday night.

Speaking of the 21-year old ex-POW Mayor Schwab said: "All of us own an equal share in America, but we don't all pay the same price. Cpl. Arellano has paid a fair price for his share."

The former Torrance High School student, flanked at the banquet table by his family, other war veterans, and city officials, received a watch given to him by the city and presented by the mayor. The Torrance-born infantryman who survived a 20-day march across Korea expressed his appreciation with the single statement: "I want to say thank you."

Cpl. Arellano was captured by the Reds at the battle for the Chosin Reservoir on Dec. 2 of 1950. Along with other captured American soldiers he was forced to march from the East coast of Korea to the west coast where he was imprisoned for 35 months in Camp No. 1. A letter he wrote to the Torrance Herald asking for mail was one of the few letters he was able to get out of the prison camp during his years of imprisonment, he stated.

A reporter asked what the Reds did to try to convert him to Communism. He said he had been asked by the Army not to release that information.

The greatest hardships he

Oil Worker Crushed

J. W. McBride, 67, an oil worker of 1660 W. 256th St., suffered a fractured back Monday when a 200 lb. rigging block fell 30 feet from a derrick, and struck him.



WHITE CANE DAY... Lately Ella Mae McLeod, 5205 Crickwood St., runner-up in the Miss Torrance contest, holds a sign advertising "White Cane Day," officially designated by Mayor Mervin Schwab as tomorrow and Saturday. Sponsored by the Lions Club, "White Cane Day" is a fund-raising activity with proceeds to go toward sight preservation. (Herald photo)

was forced to endure was the "pushing around" by the Reds and the poor food. On the long march across Korea each prisoner was given 10 small potatoes a day on which to survive. In prison camp the fare was carrots and turnips.

"The hardest thing the Americans had to get used to was the pushing around by the Red guards. We are not used to being shoved around like that and some of the guys couldn't take it at first. But they learned after the Communies roughed them up a few times. We all learned a lot," Cpl. Arellano said.



KP FOR VIPS... Whether or not these city officials are really enjoying doing KP duty their broad grins indicate they were getting kick out of "pearl diving" at the American Legion Hall Tuesday night following a banquet in honor of Cpl. Danny Arellano, recently released as a prisoner of war by the Reds in Korea. Left to right are Councilmen Harvey B. Spelman Jr., Victor E. Benstead, Willys G. Blount, Police Chief John Stroh, Cpl. Arellano, Councilman Nick Drake, Vernon Coll, Legion officer; City Manager George W. Stevens, and Fire Chief J. J. Benner. (Herald photo)